

BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2006

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the importance of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

The White House again proposed eliminating this critical asset in the war on drugs. That would be a tremendous mistake. Congress must protect this funding to address the clear and present danger of meth in our communities.

In my home state of Nebraska, 60 percent of prison inmates are serving time for meth-related crimes. State social services programs are overwhelmed by the rising number of children coming from meth homes. The number of babies born addicted to meth is an unspeakable tragedy.

Each day, our dedicated law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to rescue families and communities from the scourge of meth. Anything less than full funding of Byrne-JAG would break faith with those who risk their lives to keep meth off our streets and away from our children.

In Nebraska, Byrne task forces were responsible for 5,500 drug arrests last year. Nationwide, Byrne task forces seized 5,600 meth labs, 55,000 weapons, and massive quantities of narcotics, including 2.7 million grams of meth.

The results of Byrne task forces are real, they are quantifiable, they are defensible, and they demonstrate the power of using federal dollars to leverage state and local investment in public safety.

RECOGNIZING KORY BENJAMIN
ROTH FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK
OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kory Benjamin Roth, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kory has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kory has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kory Benjamin Roth for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE OLD
SAYBROOK REPUBLICAN WOM-
EN'S CLUB

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2006

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Old Saybrook, Connecticut Republican Women's Club in celebration of their 50th anniversary this month. The Old Saybrook Republican Women's Club's primary function has always been to support local and State Republican candidates and they have the distinction of being the oldest continuous Republican Women's Club in Connecticut.

But while their energy and enthusiasm for Republican candidates is as welcome as it has been effective, there is far more to the group than a political agenda.

For example, in conjunction with the Town Committee, the Club participates in the Washington Intern Program by sponsoring high school students and the group also gives awards to high school honor students. Clearly, the members of the organization are dedicated to helping engage young people intellectually and in matters of civic activism. Surely, part of our job as public servants should be to encourage young people to become involved in the political process.

Mr. Speaker, our communities do not operate by means of government alone. The Old Saybrook Republican Women's Club exemplifies a group of "citizens in action". Our quality of life is greatly influenced by individuals who join hands to set and accomplish goals that make our communities better places in which to live, work and raise a family. For half a century the members of the Old Saybrook Republican Women's Club have dedicated themselves to both party and public service.

I congratulate them on their dedication and commitment to the Grand Old Party and to their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING
EFFORTS ON MEDICARE PART D
AWARDED TO ONONDAGA COUN-
TY DEPARTMENT OF AGING &
YOUTH, NEW YORK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Syracuse partnership, headed by the Onondaga County Department of Aging, from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services in acknowledgment of the key role they played in establishing and maintaining this highly effective coalition.

The Onondaga County Office for the Aging is the federally designated Area Agency on Aging for Syracuse and Onondaga County. The agency plans, develops and coordinates programs and services for approximately 83,000 county residents age 60 and older.

The Onondaga County Office for the Aging was one of the most active and successful in the region. Their strong commitment to Part D

outreach and enrollment, their creativity, perseverance and hard work could serve as a model for the rest of the region. They emphasized targeted outreach and always stressed the positives of the Part D program. They recognized the importance of working with local, State and Federal agencies and elected officials and actively sought out those partnerships. The level of success that they achieved would not have been possible without their excellent planning and organization.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate the Onondaga County Office of the Aging for their tireless work in assisting seniors through the Medicare Part D enrollment process. I wish them continued success on the care that they provide to seniors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LANCE
CORPORAL ROBERT G. POSIVIO III

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 9, 2006

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of LCpl Robert G. Posivio III, who died a hero in a roadside bomb attack on May 23, 2006, while protecting his country and fighting for freedom in the al Anbar province of Iraq. As a devoted son, brother, and Marine, Lance Corporal Posivio will be missed by many.

Lance Corporal Posivio was born on October 4, 1983, in Mankato, MN, to Robert M. Posivio, Jr. and Patricia A. Posivio. He enlisted in the United States Marines while attending Martin County West Senior High School in Sherburn, MN, where he graduated in 2002.

Lance Corporal Posivio was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, CA. He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Ardis Posivio; his uncle, Don Wood; his brother, Daniel L. Posivio; and other relatives.

Lance Corporal Posivio was on his third tour of duty in Iraq and was scheduled to be honorably discharged on July 28. He returned to combat on April 30 after suffering injuries in a mortar attack on April 13 in which two members of his unit were killed. Lance Corporal Posivio told his family that if he died, he wanted the following quote placed on his tombstone: "Freedom comes at a price that the free will never know." We owe Lance Corporal Posivio and all the brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces a great debt of gratitude. We ask them to defend our Nation; we need to let them know they are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my condolences to Lance Corporal Posivio's parents, Robert, Jr. and Patti; his sister, Sarah Peltier, and her husband, Colin; his grandparents, Robert F. Posivio and Eugene and Evelyn McDonald; and the many other friends and family who loved him and miss him. In this time of sorrow, may our thoughts and prayers comfort them, and may his memory bring them peace.